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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6094**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 193

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 20, 2015

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Arnold J

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill designates the Northwest Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (NILEA) as a criminal justice agency, and specifies that it is a board-certified training center. The bill also defines the powers and duties of its board of directors.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2015.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Designation of the NILEA as a “criminal justice agency” should not have an impact on state expenditures.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary:* Designation of the NILEA as a criminal justice agency should not change the level of expenditures of the NILEA. The bill may allow the NILEA to be recognized as an agency that could apply for and receive federal grants, depending on future decisions by the federal government regarding grant status.

Additionally, the bill would allow the NILEA to appoint their own police officers, develop uniforms for the officers, maintain and use emergency vehicles, and allow NILEA staff officers to undertake criminal investigations. Any additional expenditures that could occur from this provision would depend on the decisions made by the NILEA’s board of directors and the executive director.

*Additional Information-* The NILEA provides for the basic training needs for 65 local law enforcement departments within 13 counties of Northwest Indiana. The NILEA's budget for CY 2014 was \$355,830. The NILEA's budget is generated by three main revenue streams: (1) member agency subscription fees, (2) riverboat admission tax collected from the riverboat casinos in Lake County, and (3) supplemental riverboat admission tax replacement distributions from the state General Fund. The NILEA trained 32 recruits in its first recruit class and 26 recruits in its second recruit class during CY 2014.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** NILEA.

**Information Sources:** NILEA, 219-940-3405.

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